

*Fraxinus oxycarpa**

(*F. angustifolia*)

(**Raywood Ash, Claret Ash**)

Oleaceae (Olive family)

Origin: Southern Europe to Western Asia

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Species characteristics:

Form - Deciduous. Broadleaf, fine-textured, upright narrow tree when young. With age a medium-size tree with a tall, rounded canopy with upright branches. Fast growing to 35' tall and 20' wide.

Trunk - Smooth to fibrous, gray bark with tan growth cracks and darker patches. Persisting lenticel scarring evident.

Foliage - Leaves are pinnately compound with seven to nine narrow serrated glabrous leaflets up to 2½" long. Leaflet stem and midrib light green to yellow, otherwise darker to bluish green. In fall the foliage may provide a purple-red display before defoliating.

Flowers/fruit - None, *F. o.* 'Raywood' is a sterile hybrid.

No significant pest problems are known at this time.

Climatic suitability:

Sunset zones - 3 - 9, 12 - 24. Hardy to 10 degrees.

Clearances - Suitable for 5' minimum parkways, medians or cutouts.

Good for street sides, medians, parks and lawns.

Culture considerations:

Tolerant of a wide variety of soil types. Prefers sandy to clay loam. Early temperature change from summer warmth to fall chill likely to improve fall leaf color.

Comments, notes:

*NOTE: Only the 'Raywood' cultivar is discussed here.

